

Humane Society Animal Shelter, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and the volunteers in Carteret County, North Carolina, who answered the call to help homeless animals in their local community.

The Carteret County Animal Shelter, located in my district, was facing the loss of its state license and possible closure unless it underwent significant improvement due to a tight budget on the local, state, and federal levels. This shelter is the only facility in the area that provides a place for homeless pets to stay while they wait for adoption.

In an unprecedented outpouring of support from the community, more than 100 volunteers, including 30 U.S. Marines from Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, came together to renovate the facility. The ASPCA, through its nationwide grants program, was more than willing to provide essential funding for supplies and improvements as well.

As a result of this funding and assistance from the community, the shelter was given preliminary approval to reapply for its license and continue its work as a safe haven for homeless animals in Carteret County.

This situation is a testament to the incredible results that are possible when local citizens, along with national organizations like the ASPCA, come together to serve a community.

I want to thank the Carteret County Humane Society Animal Shelter, the ASPCA, and the people of the Third District of North Carolina for their work on behalf of the homeless animals in Eastern North Carolina. These individuals and organizations have provided a tremendous service to Carteret County, and I am pleased to have them recognized by the United States Congress.

RECOGNIZING KIA MOTORS FOR THEIR ONE MILLIONTH CAR BUILT IN WEST POINT, GA

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 2013

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I come before you today to recognize a tremendous milestone for Kia Motors Manufacturing Georgia: The completion of their one millionth car built in West Point, Georgia. This is a huge achievement for Kia Motors North America and for Georgia, as West Point is the first Kia automobile manufacturing facility on our continent.

Beginning in November of 2009, Kia Motors Manufacturing Georgia has been rolling out cars and keeping over 11,000 Georgians employed. Using on-site and local suppliers, they've helped to grow the Third District's economy with quality manufacturing, excellent jobs, and a deep commitment to improving our community. Kia Motors Manufacturing Georgia's continued success led to a \$100 million expansion in early 2012, increasing their annual capacity to 360,000 vehicles. In fact, the best-selling vehicle in the U.S., the Optima, is built in West Point, Georgia.

One million cars in four years is a huge success for Kia and for Georgia. Kia's achievements showcase how great Georgia is for manufacturing and business, and I thank them for their commitment to improving our district's economy. I am honored that Kia Motors Manu-

facturing Georgia calls the Third District home and look forward to sharing many more milestones with them in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. ELLIOTT LYNN, WINNER OF AUBURN'S POLITICAL SCIENCE LEADERSHIP AWARD

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 2013

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend an outstanding young leader who attends Auburn University, which is a leading research and educational institution in my district in Alabama. Auburn's political science department each year recognizes a student leader who excels in both the classroom and the community. It's my honor to announce that Mr. Elliott Lynn is this year's winner of Auburn's Political Science Leadership Award. A faculty committee selected Elliott after careful consideration of his outstanding credentials.

Elliott is from Phenix City, Alabama. He is a senior political science major with an outstanding 3.95 Cumulative Grade Point Average. Elliott is a National Merit Scholar and on the Dean's List. He is a member of many honor societies, including Phi Eta Sigma, Pi Sigma Alpha and Pi Lambda Sigma. Elliott is an Honors College Drummond Scholar and a recipient of the Auburn University Marie Glass Ward Endowed Academic Scholarship.

Elliott is active in helping the community, and he participated in multiple service trips to underserved communities in the U.S. and in developing countries. He went to Haiti to build housing for the victims of the 2010 earthquake. He also volunteered as a teaching assistant with the Victory Mission at a church in Columbus, Georgia, and volunteers at the Columbus Habitat. Last summer, Elliott had the opportunity to intern with our colleague in the other chamber, Senator RICHARD SHELBY, and he has also interned with a Circuit Court Judge in Alabama.

After graduating from Auburn, Elliott plans to attend law school and work in human rights or public interest law. He hopes his career will allow him the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my congratulations to Elliott and thank Auburn University for producing such outstanding students and citizens.

KILLEN'S STEAKHOUSE

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 2013

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chef Ronnie Killen and the staff of Killen's Steakhouse in Pearland, Texas. It's no secret that Texas is known for its beef. Killen's Steakhouse has been ranked the number one steakhouse in Texas and the number six steakhouse in the United States out of The Daily Meal's top 20 American Steakhouses. This is an exceptional honor, and reflects the hard work, talent and dedication to culinary

craft that Chef Killen and his staff have contributed. This upscale steakhouse is the only restaurant in the Pearland area serving Allen Brothers USDA prime beef, and I am more than excited to be a loyal patron.

Small businesses make up the backbone of the U.S. economy and play a crucial role in American productivity and economic vitality. We must continue to support small businesses like Killen's Steakhouse, and I look forward to hearing from Chef Killen as a small business owner about the needs and concerns of the small business community.

Congratulations to Killen's Steakhouse for achieving this prominent ranking. On behalf of all residents of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I am honored to recognize this achievement. Our community is proud that Killen's Steakhouse calls Pearland home. I wish Chef Killen and his staff the best of luck in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON BARBER

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 2013

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, due to attending the memorial for the 19 firefighters who died fighting the wildfire in Yarnell, Arizona, I missed 20 recorded votes on July 9, 2013. I would like to indicate at this point how I would have voted had I been present for those votes.

On rollcall vote No. 308, H. Res. 288, I would have voted "yea" On Ordering the Previous Question to begin consideration of the bill (H.R. 2609) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.

On rollcall vote No. 309, H. Res. 288, I would have voted "yea" On Agreeing to the Resolution for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2609) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.

On rollcall vote No. 310, Journal, I would have voted "no" on approving the Journal.

On rollcall vote No. 311, H.R. 2609, the FY2014 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, I would have voted "no" to strike the section of the bill that would prevent the Army Corps of Engineers from updating guidance concerning federal jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act.

On rollcall vote No. 312, H.R. 2609, the FY2014 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, I would have voted "no" to strike the section that would prevent the Army Corps of Engineers from changing the definitions of "fill material" or "discharge material" under the Clean Water Act.

On rollcall vote No. 313, H.R. 2609, the FY2014 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, I would have voted "no" to increase renewable energy, energy reliability, and efficiency by \$245 million and to decrease Weapons Activities by the same amount.

On rollcall vote No. 314, H.R. 2609, the FY2014 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, I would have voted "no" to increase Renewable Energy, Energy Reliability and Efficiency by \$31 million and reduces Departmental Administration by the same amount.

On rollcall vote No. 315, H.R. 2609, the FY2014 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, I would have voted “no” to reduce Renewable Energy, Energy Reliability, and Efficiency by \$9.8 million and transfer the same amount to the Spending Reduction Account.

On rollcall vote No. 316, H.R. 2609, the FY2014 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, I would have voted “no” to increase Renewable Energy, Energy Reliability, and Efficiency by \$50 million and decrease Weapons Activities by the same amount.

On rollcall vote No. 317, H.R. 2609, the FY2014 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, I would have voted “no” to reduce Renewable Energy, Energy Reliability, and Efficiency by \$4.75 million and transfer the same amount to the Spending Reduction Account.

On rollcall vote No. 318, H.R. 2609, the FY2014 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, I would have voted “yea” to increase Renewable Energy, Energy Reliability, and Efficiency by \$1 million and decrease Departmental Administration by the same amount.

On rollcall vote No. 319, H.R. 2609, the FY2014 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, I would have voted “no” to reduce the Renewable Energy, Energy Reliability, and Efficiency and Fossil Energy Research and Development by \$1.5 billion collectively, and transfer the same amount to the Spending Reduction Account.

On rollcall vote No. 320, H.R. 2609, the FY2014 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, I would have voted “yea” to increase Renewable Energy, Energy Reliability, and Efficiency by \$10 million and decrease Departmental Administration by the same amount.

On rollcall vote No. 321, H.R. 2609, the FY2014 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, I would have voted “no” to increase Renewable Energy, Energy Reliability, and Efficiency by \$15 million and decrease Weapons Activities by the same amount.

On rollcall vote No. 322, H.R. 2609, the FY2014 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, I would have voted “no” to increase Renewable Energy, Energy Reliability, and Efficiency by \$15.5 million and reduce Weapons Activities by the same amount.

On rollcall vote No. 323, H.R. 2609, the FY2014 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, I would have voted “no” to increase Renewable Energy, Energy Reliability, and Efficiency by \$20 million and reduce Weapons Activities by the same amount.

On rollcall vote No. 324, H.R. 2609, the FY2014 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, I would have voted “no” to increase Renewable Energy, Energy Reliability, and Efficiency by \$40 million and reduce Weapons Activities by the same amount.

On rollcall vote No. 325, H.R. 2609, the FY2014 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, I would have voted “no” to decrease Nuclear Energy by \$25 million and increase Office of Science account by the same amount.

On rollcall vote No. 326, H.R. 2609, the FY2014 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, I would have voted “no” to reduce Fossil Energy Research and Development and Weapons Activities by \$127 million collectively and increase Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy by the same amount.

On rollcall vote No. 327, H.R. 2609, the FY2014 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, I would have voted “no” to increase Office of Science account by \$500 million and decrease Weapons Activities by the same amount.

HONORING HOPE CARROLL

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 2013

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hope Carroll, winner of the Stars and Stripes Spectacular essay contest, for her inspiring essay titled “What Freedom Means to Me.” I had the pleasure of listening to Hope read her essay at the annual Stars and Stripes Spectacular on July 4th in Portland, Maine.

One of the best parts of my job as a member of Congress is having the opportunity to witness the great talent and potential of our nation's young people. This rising 6th grader, from Lincoln Middle School, represents the best and brightest among them. I would like to take this opportunity to share Hope Carroll's essay with the House of Representatives.

Freedom is bravery, confidence and love. Bravery is standing up for your freedom, confidence helps you believe in your freedom, confidence helps you believe in your freedom and love takes care of it. Freedom is laughing and crying. When my family laughs together there is not a care in the world and that is freedom. We cry together, it is the way we express our sadness, that is freedom. Freedom is dancing around the room when no is watching because being silly and happy is freedom. Freedom is nature, beautiful trees and lovely pink flowers. Freedom is bravery, confidence, love, laughing, crying, silly, happy and beautiful.

Hope showed bravery and confidence well beyond her years in reading her essay, and I look forward to following her progress as a writer.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Hope Carroll, winner of the Stars and Stripes Spectacular essay contest.

HONORING MARK COVERT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 2013

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the end of an era. On July 23, 2013, the man who holds the U.S. record—and possibly the world record—for the longest continuous running streak will be hanging up his shoes. Mark Covert, a legend in the world of track and field, has run at least one mile every day for the last 45 years.

In D.C. terms, that means he has run through nine presidential administrations, seven economic recessions and over 20 sessions of Congress. On a personal level, he has laced up his shoes every day through storms, heat waves, illnesses, surgery and even the births of his four children. If you ask him how he did it, he'll tell you it would never have been possible without the full support and encouragement of his wife Debi—especially on the birthdays.

Not only has he run through history, he has made it. In the 1972 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials, Covert was the first athlete to cross a finish line wearing an unusual pair of shoes with rubber soles that were made on a waffle iron. An entrepreneur by the name of Bill

Bowerman had given him these shoes, which became the basis of a little Oregon-based company we like to call Nike. Although he just missed making the 1972 Olympic team, that run—and the nearly 150,000 miles he's covered during the streak, an average of about 9 miles a day for 45 years—secured Mark's spot as a running icon.

Nevertheless, Covert's true impact has been on the many hundreds of students he's coached over the years. He instilled in them not only the skills needed to be successful athletes, but perhaps more important, the skills needed to be successful in life, especially dedication and perseverance in the face of obstacles.

While few of us will choose to take on the challenge of running every single day for 45 years, we can all strive to learn from and perhaps live by his main principle: Never Miss. He may physically end his streak on July 23, but his dogged determination and commitment to leading by example will carry on.

INTRODUCING THE AIRLINE PILOT PENSION FAIRNESS ACT

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 2013

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, today, I am proud to introduce the Airline Pilot Pension Fairness Act, legislation that would prevent deep, unfair cuts in pilots' retirement benefits.

Nearly forty years ago, Congress established the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation to insure the pension benefits of American workers. When employers terminate their workers' traditional pension plans, the PBGC takes the plans over and makes monthly payments to plan participants who are retired.

When the PBGC takes over a company's pension plan, the plan participants do not always receive the same benefit they would have received if their plan had not terminated. For example, workers who retire before age 65—which the law considers “normal” retirement age—receive reduced benefits to reflect the longer period that these retirees likely will receive benefits.

This is bad news for many pilots. Until 2007, under Federal Aviation Administration rules, airline pilots were required to retire at age 60. As a result, pilots whose pension plans were terminated—like the pilots at United Airlines and US Airways—wound up taking drastic cuts to their pension benefits because the PBGC treated age 60 as an early retirement age and cut pilots' guaranteed benefits as a result.

This problem was caused because the FAA's mandatory pilot retirement age of 60 and ERISA's normal retirement age of 65 were not aligned. ERISA does not provide a special rule for pilots. Pilots earn every dime of their pension benefits and they didn't choose to retire at age 60. The time to fix this problem is today.

The Airline Pilot Pension Fairness Act would put airline pilots subject to the old FAA rule on equal ground with other workers by requiring the PBGC to treat age 60 as the normal retirement age for these pilots—not as an early retirement age. In other words, these pilots